



THE RUDDER

Sailings of the Medical Service Corps



From the MSC Director



Greetings Medical Service Corps! As you will see from this issue of the Rudder, August was another busy and exciting month for our Corps. We had the great pleasure to celebrate our 69th Anniversary as a Corps this month! I am extremely thankful to have had the opportunity to visit several commands and participate in birthday celebrations and leadership symposiums with our MSC officers.

Taking time to reflect on our history, celebrating our achievements together and striving for continued education in our Naval profession is epitome of Honoring our Heritage. I am so appreciative of the great efforts and the hospitality from all of the South-

ern California MSCs to those in sunny Pensacola. I also had the opportunity to participate in Hampton Roads leadership symposium and celebrate our birthday with the National Capital Region MSCs. It was wonderful to see the energy and excitement of our family. It was also fantastic to see the celebrations across the globe from Hawaii to Kandahar. Continue to Honor our Heritage not only in August but throughout the year.

*In order to do something,
you must be something.*

- VADM James Stockdale

One thing that always impresses me as I have the opportunity visit commands and meet with MSCs, is the professionalism and dedication of our MSC Officers. The pride we all have in being MSC Officers stems from this attitude and determination of our commitment to excellence. The outstanding birthday celebrations that I attended, and those that I unfortunately could not attend, are true testaments of the rich history and tradition of our Corps. Through these celebrations you are ensuring that our traditions continue and honor our heritage as Naval Officers in the Medical Service Corps. Congratulations again to our Corps for 69 outstanding years! I am honored to serve with you and proud to represent our Corps!

RDML Anne Swap

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From the Corps Chief's Office

UPDATE TO TIME IN GRADE (TIG) AND NEXT LOWER GRADE (NLG) WAIVERS

CAPT Martin Kerr
MSC Career Planner

NAVADMIN 371/08, dated 24 Dec 08, authorized any officers, Active and Reserve, in the paygrades of O-5/O-6 with a minimum of 2 years TIG, the ability to request a waiver and voluntary retirement in grade. This was largely due to high retention and low attrition.

Effective immediately with NAVADMIN 182/16, dated 17 Aug 16, the aforementioned reference is cancelled. What is the impact on MSC Officers? As identified in the overarching guidance, OPNAVINST 1811.3A, TIG requirements for CAPTs/CDRs is 3 years. Currently, as with all Officer Corps within Navy Medicine, waiver requests for TIG and NLG will still be considered on a case by case basis. Requests should continue to be based on extreme hardship or exceptional or unusual circumstances. Officers who may not meet TIG requirements may still be approved for retirement in the NLG.

A consolidated listing of officer communities accepting TIG and NLG waivers can be found at: <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/officer/communitymanagers/pages/officer-retirement-waivers.aspx>

POCs for procedural and policy questions are: Active Component, Branch Head Officer Retirements (PERS-835) at (901) 874-3180/3183/DSN 882 or e-mail to pers_835_retirements@navy.mil For Reserve Component, PERS-91B at (901) 874-4371/4713/DSN 882.

Navy Library Smart phone Application: Where have you been all my life...

CDR Karla M. Lepore
Policy and Planning



The Navy General Library Program (NGLP) recently launched its new Navy Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Digital Library website. There are over 249,937 items available to choose from, including professional reading, fiction, non-fiction, and over 8,400 titles specifically for children. In order to borrow items from this collection, you must be validated by the Navy MWR Digital Library to create your borrower's account.

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Once you open the app you will be able to "Add a library". When prompted to add, type "Navy General Library Program" into the search box and add this library to your app. You are all set....happy reading!

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From the Corps Chief's Office

**Congratulations to the following MSC officers for their selection to
Lieutenant Commander! BRAVO ZULU!**

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Finley Felipe Perie
Fiscus Joseph Charles
Fletcher Sarah Elder
Ford Jeremiah Daniel
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Kaleiohi Joseph Koani
Kavanaugh Michael Davi
Kinney Micah Jason
Kumar Sandeep
Lantieri Rachel Ellyn
Le Thuy Duong Thi
Letchworth Laura Alice
Lippert Amanda Fern
Liwanag Melissa Manala
Lucas Wilfredo Larioza
Mabry Enkeleida
Mahoney John Wesley II
Maid Ryan Patrick
Mannis Daniel Norman
Massey Crystal Coghlan
Matlage Karl Matthew
McClean Alistair S
Medina Roderick Salvad
Meeker Justin W
Meyer Lyndsy Marie
Miller Jacqueline Leig
Miller Jeremy Kenneth
Miranda Rebecca Meri L
Moss Leah Danielle
Myers Angela Marie
Neal Mary Lee
Neil Joseph William
Neipp James Andrew
Ochieng John Onyiego

Oliva John Raymond
Paddock Nina Anette
Paulett Christopher Le
Phung Giao Bich
Piccone John Joseph
Pletta Aileen Marie
Pulido Jose Alfonso
Reed Eva Kristina
Riebel Mark Alan
Root Rebecca Lynn
Rosati Heather Lynn
Russell Robert Allen
Sarkissian Vahe Levon
Schmidt Jesse James
Sciarini Lee William
Sears Gary Lee
Sharpe Brenda Louann
Sharrits Adam Joseph
Sheppard Ryan Lance
Shipman Matthew Richar
Smallidge Tara Marie
Smith Ryan W
Stegeman George Theodo
Summers Robert Craig
Swift Joshua Michael
Szychulda Brent Allen
Towns Blake Verlin
Vanzie Marion Gean
Walker Dawn B
Washington Christopher
Wells Bradley Scott



Reserve Update

Last month we advertised the RC LCDR's who were selected for promotion to CDR. Unfortunately two SELRES LCDR's were left off of that announcement. We list them now with our heartiest congratulations! We also apologize for the omission last month.

-LCDR Deborah Collins

-LCDR Megan Dahlke

LCDR Dirkland Smith (HCA) was recently featured in the 2016 Annual Report of the ACHE. The article and his photo are included here. LCDR Smith is currently on a recall to active duty with the Career Transition Office (CTO) in Millington TN.

This month, our spotlight on the Reserve Component (RC) Operational Health Support Unit's (OHSU) continues with OHSU Jacksonville.



LCDR Dirkland Smith
U.S. Navy Millington, TN

-Program and Education Chairman,
ACHE Chapter, Mid-South Health
Care Executives (Tennessee)

-Past Board Member At-Large,
ACHE Chapter, Healthcare Adminis-
trators of Tidewater (Virginia)

-Past Board Member, Hampton Roads
Community Health Center (Virginia)

ACHE Member Profile

When I'm asked what trait makes a successful leader, it's difficult to narrow the qualities to just one. Common characteristics include being trustworthy and resourceful and employing a servant leader philosophy—all of which are critical during a time of transformative change, when leaders must ask more of their teams to meet the increasing needs of the communities they serve. The flux of healthcare reform presents healthcare executives with many challenges.

Four key areas leaders should focus on in the move toward value-based business models include improving patient care through population health management; enhancing provider engagement to achieve clinical integration; implementing systems to manage reimbursement changes; and addressing the growing number of public-private payer partnerships.

ACHE has been integral to my ability to lead my team through change. The opportunities I've gained by being an ACHE Member positioned me to assist in the development of a talent management program for my organization, ensuring that we deliver care that is efficient, effective and value based.

I also am able to stay current with the evolving knowledge and skills needed to succeed in today's healthcare environment. As I transition over the next few years from the military to the private healthcare sector, ACHE's networking and mentoring programs will enable me to connect with top leaders and keep pace with best practices in the field.

Education & Training Management
Radiation Health Specialist
Financial Management
Environmental Health
Physician Assistant
Medical Technology
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Microbiology
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Pharmacy
Physiology
Medical Logistics
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Biochemistry/Toxicology
Occupational Therapy
Manpower/Personnel
Clinical Psychology
Industrial Hygiene
Entomology
Audiology
Dietetics
Optometry
Social Work
Research Psychology
Aerospace Physiology
Health Care Administration
Aerospace Experimental Psychology

Reserve Update

Operational Health Support Unit (OHSU) Jacksonville

OHSU JAX encompasses approximately 700 SELRES including 17 MSC officers. We support 18 Detachments, including one virtual Det within the states of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and Puerto Rico while assisting to provide 15,000 days of clinical support to Navy Medicine while ensuring medical readiness for over 11,000 service members and their dependents across Navy Region Southeast. OHSU CO is Capt. Jessica Reed, Nurse Corps.

OHSU MSC Corps continues to lead from the front with each year being busy and productive. Starting with: Hosted sight visit for Rear Admiral Alvarado, Commander Reserve Component Expeditionary Medicine, during the DWE 2015. Highlights included a breath-taking morning colors ceremony outside the hospital, followed by an awards ceremony. RDML Alvarado then toured NH JAX and branch clinic, observing OHSU JAX SELRES working side by side with their AD counterparts during their AT. The DWE concluded with an extensive officer/enlisted Admirals Call where numerous questions were asked and answered concerning Naval Reserve concerns about our future.

December 2015, hosted Change of Command Ceremony for outgoing CO Capt. Kiolbasa, attended by RDML Hall, Deputy Commander for Navy Medicine West and Department Corps Chief for MSC's. During this busy DWE, RDML Hall awarded Capt. Kiolbasa the "Legion of Merit" medal signed by the President of the United States for his outstanding leadership of OHSU JAX 2013 – 2015. CDR Brian Foor, Physician Assistant, led Detachment J of Tallahassee FL in providing medical support during the Blue Angels Air Show held at NAS Jax, summer of 2015. Det J worked extensively with NH JAX AD personnel in successfully treating over 200 patients during the three-day air show.

CDR Louise Anderson, POMI, was an integral part of the C6F Medical Planners Team, Naples Italy June 2015, providing support of missions in Europe and Africa. Additionally, in August, CDR Anderson traveled to Busan ROK to participate in Ulchi Freedom Guardian Exercise with C7F. During this exercise C7F partnered with ROK medical planners to practice US Joint and US/ROK capabilities.

LT John Lagoutaris, Podiatrist, led a team of two Air Force Public Health Officers, one Air Force Dietitian, and one Army Chaplain during the exercise IRT Arctic Care April 2016. They treated over 55 local residents of Kodiak, Port Lions and Ouzinkie Alaska. The team traveled to each site on board a black hawk helicopter while the average temperature was 40 degrees' in constant rain. See both photos.

LCDR Romie Puel, Pharmacist, is currently onboard the USS Mercy (T-AH-19) to assist with Pacific Partnership 2016. Pacific Partnership 2016 is in Dili, Timor Leste for their first mission stop. Pacific Partnership 2016 personnel have participated in a basic life support subject matter expert exchange with Timorese students at the International Health Institute.

CDR Brian Foor and LT Nathan Kersey, Physician Assistants, represented OHSU JAX by attending the Annual Operational Medical Symposium held at OHSU Camp Lejeune June 2016. This course is designed for health care providers to update them in providing worldwide optimal care of our Navy Sailors and Marines during their deployment and redeployment home and in the use of screening tools to uncover both physical and mental problems associated with PTSD, depression, suicidal ideations, chronic pain and mild TBI or brain dysfunction.

CDR Brian Foor and LT Nathan Kersey will be providing medical support during IRT Kentucky Blue Grass with EMF Great Lakes July 2016. During this two-week evolution, they will be leading their medical teams providing expert Navy medical care to the local communities.



From the Detailers

Your Detailer is your professional advocate who makes best efforts to align your personal and professional needs with the needs of the Navy. But, did you know that Detailers can do more than just propose orders for you? They are your central point of contact for AQD updates on your record. They are available to perform record reviews prior to and after promotion boards. Detailers can also confirm your career trajectory as it relates to your long term military career goals.

CDR(s) Katie Barnes (formerly Barbara) will soon transfer from PERS-4415 to the Navy Entomology Center of Excellence in Jacksonville, Florida. We hate to see her leave, but know that she will continue to do great things for Navy Medicine in her future position.

PERS-4415 welcomes CDR(s) Chuck Wilhite, an Industrial Hygiene Officer, as CDR(s) Barnes' relief. CDR(s) Wilhite has a diverse history of assignments that include EPMU-6, INSURV, the USS Emory S. Land (AS-39), the USS Enterprise (CVN-65), and U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa. CDR(s) Wilhite will assume the role as the new HCS Detailer effective 21 Sept 2017. His contact information is Charles.wilhite@navy.mil and 901-874-4115.

References

Check your professional record online at www.npc.navy.mil/careerinfo/records_management

Selection Boards information is available at www.npc.navy.mil/boards/generalboardinfo

Request Extension at www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/officer/detailing/rlstaffcorps/medical/pages/default.aspx

MSC Detailers

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Specialty Spotlight

Medical Logisticians play a very integral role in supporting Navy Medicine's delivery of world-class medical and dental care. Medical Logisticians (Loggies) ensure the right materiel is in the right place; at the right time; and at the right price. Loggies perform life-cycle management (which includes the acquisition, accounting, sustainment, and disposition) of medical products and services ashore, afloat, and across the full range of military operations. Loggies are serving in key leadership positions at a host of Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs); Hospital Ships; Marine Corps Medical Logistics Companies; Naval Medical Logistics Command; and a variety of other unique commands.

Medical Logisticians' roots can be traced to 1850 when the U.S. Navy established the Naval Medical Supply Depot in Brooklyn, New York, with Medical Department officers serving as Medical Material Managers. In preparation for war, the Navy created the Medical Supply Management Training program in 1941 to prepare Hospital Corps Warrant Officers to perform medical supply functions during World War II. In 1947, the Medical Service Corps (MSC) was established to ensure that the experience and training gained during World War II was retained and 252 officers received commissions; eighty percent of which were designated as Supply and Administration Specialists (the largest of the four MSC plank owner communities).

The Navy is continually looking for talented and motivated individuals to join its relatively small (and close-knit) Medical Logistics community. Individuals (typically Health Care Administrators) who are interested in becoming a Loggie must first complete the Navy's Financial and Materiel Management Training Course (FMMTC). FMMTC is an 8.5 week course that is presented twice a year in Bethesda, Maryland. Additional information about FMMTC is available at: <http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nmpdc/courses/Pages/Financial%20and%20Material%20Management.aspx>.

Loggie Career Opportunities include:

- Senior Leadership Positions (CO, XO, OIC, Director, Department Head)
- Many Overseas Billets (Australia, Cuba, Germany, Guam, Hawaii, Italy, Japan, Spain)
- Deployment Options (USMC, Hospital Ships, Expeditionary Medical Facilities)
- Training Opportunities (which have included Naval Postgraduate School, Logistics Management Institute, Center for Naval Analyses, OPNAV, ...)
- Participate in the Personnel Exchange Program (PEP) with the Royal Australian Navy
- Acquire Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) certification
- Earn a Warfare Device with the Marine Corps



Medical Logistics

Subspecialty Code = 1802/3121

Billets = 85

End Strength = 85 Primary, 92 Secondary

Reserve Billets = 5



MSCs in Focus



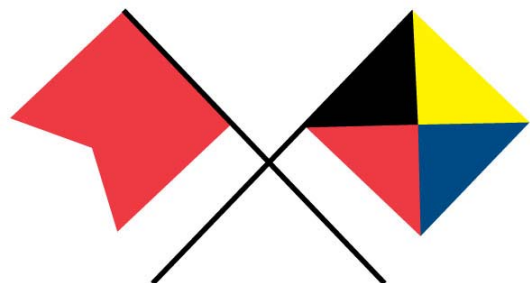
Medical Service Corps Officer Named 2016 National Image Award Recipient

LCDR Janiese A. Cleckley, Officer in Charge, Naval Branch Health Clinic Fallon, Nevada, is named the Navy recipient for the 2016 National Image award. This Meritorious Service Award epitomizes the core values exemplifying outstanding support to the individual's service Branch of service and community. Cleckley was selected for her actions that mirrored the ideals of National IMAGE as evidenced by her leadership and management as an Executive Leader, as an Ambassador for her Command and Community, and through partnerships with other governmental agencies. Cleckley will be honored at the Military Awards presentation on Thursday, September 15, 2016 in New Mexico.



Navy Pharmacist Receives the 2016 Pharmacy Times' Military Pharmacist of the Year Award

LCDR Vince Deguzman, Director of Clinical Support Services and Pharmacist in Naval Hospital Lemoore, received the 2016 Military Pharmacist of the Year award from Pharmacy Times and Parata Systems. The award is given to an active duty or reserve military pharmacist who operates within a branch of the United States armed forces, and who demonstrates an innovative approach to patient care for those who serve our country. The award was presented in the Museum of Fine Art in Boston, MA on August 6, 2016.



Bravo Zulu



Bremerton, Washington - LCDR William Walders, Healthcare Administrator, receives the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his four years' work while Chief Information Officer (CIO) of Walter Reed Military Medical Center. This award was presented by Captain David Weiss, MC, Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital Bremerton, on behalf of Vice Admiral Raquel Bono, SHCE.

MSCs in Focus



Portsmouth, VA - Hampton Roads participates in its monthly community service project at the Oasis Soup Kitchen. Pictured: CAPT Matthew Case, Executive Officer/Healthcare Administrator; Mrs. Krystyn Case; CAPT Michial Warrington, Healthcare Administrator; LCDR Tiffany Scott, Pharmacist; LT Stanley Favard, Logistician; LT Maria Herrera, Clinical Psychologist; LT Gregory Loftis, Occupational Therapist; LT Kevin Mollema, Healthcare Administrator; LT Megan Yetter, Physician Assistant; LTJG Seth Baron, Healthcare Administrator; LTJG Damico Hill, Physician Assistant; LTJG Carolan Whitney, Physician Assistant; LTJG Erin Williams, Occupational Therapist.



MSCs in Focus



Twentynine Palms, CA - CDR Jody Dreyer and LCDR Kathryn Barbara, MSC detailers, visit Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms.



Kings Canyon National Park, California - Naval Officers past and present pose for a photo in front of the General Grant Tree, the only living shire to veterans, after the promotion ceremony of LCDR Jessica Woody, Healthcare Administrator, on 3 July 2016. LCDR Woody chose the site since her family has lived near and volunteered for Kings Canyon National Park since its inception. This year is also the Centennial Anniversary of National Parks and the 75th anniversary of Kings Canyon National Park. Her fiancé, CDR(sel) Anthony Beaster, acted as Master of Ceremonies, and her grandfather, CDR(ret) Bud Todd administered the oath.



Spokane, WA - MSCs participate in the 2016 SERE Psychology Refresher Training on 26JUL16-28JUL16 at Joint Personnel Recovery Agency. Pictured (L to R): LT Mark Peugeot, OSCAR Psychologist, 1st Marine Regiment; LT Nnamdi Ohaeri, Clinical Psychologist, NH 29 Palms; CAPT Shannon Johnson, Clinical Psychology Assistant Specialty Leader, Director, NMCP; LT Daniel Northington, Clinical Psychologist, USNH Guam; LT Anthony Smithson, Clinical Psychologist; LCDR (sel) Ashley Clark, Clinical Psychologist, NSW Group Two; LT Claudia Cespedes, Clinical Psychologist, USNH Naples; CDR Raymond Nairn, Clinical Psychologist, Department Head, NMCP SARP; CDR John Price, Child Psychologist, NSW Group Three; LCDR Nick Guzman, SERE Psychologist, SERE West.

MSCs in Focus



Okinawa, Japan – LCDR Eduardo Jimenez Jr, POMI, celebrates 31 years and 9 months of service during his retirement ceremony on 1 July 2016. LCDR Jimenez earned the rank of Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman prior to getting Commissioned in 2000 under the Medical Service Corps In-Service Procurement Program (MSC IPP). His retirement ceremony was held in Camp Foster chapel, where he received a shadow box (Sea Chest) from the Chief's community. Fair winds and following Seas!



San Diego, CA - Naval Medical Center San Diego Industrial Hygiene Officers LT Andrew Jiang (left) and LT Doug Rosaaen (right) pose for a photo following completion of Navy Medical First Receiver Operations Training (FROT). The training consisted of classroom and hands-on training in contaminated incident response, hazardous substances, and decontamination procedures. The training concluded with a full-scale practical decontamination exercise, where LT Jiang and LT Rosaaen were designated to don HAZMAT suits and receive a contaminated patient in under 2 minutes.

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MSCs in Focus



Camp Lejeune, North Carolina – MSCs complete Field Medical Service Officer Course. Pictured above, 1st Row (L to R): LT David Broderick, Psychologist ; LTJG Nancy Luna, Healthcare Administrator; CAPT Jennifer Smith, Commanding Officer/POMI/Logistician; LTJG Arnel Duvet, Environmental Health Officer; LT Daniel Anderson, Physician Assistant; LTJG Emily Walters, Healthcare Administrator; LTJG Rommel Rabulan, Healthcare Administrator. 2nd Row (L to R): CDR Darryl Arfsten, Executive Officer/Biochemist/POMI; LT Robert Torrison, Social Worker; LTJG Andrew Ellis, Physician Assistant; LT Adrian Jackson, POMI; LT Derek Witkowski, Healthcare Administrator; LT Eric Lewis, Healthcare Administrator.



MSCs Around the Globe



USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) - MSC officers pose in front of the hull number onboard the CVN 69 in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. Pictured, Front row (L to R): LT Byron Breeding, Physician Assistant; LTJG Devin Major, Radiation Health Officer; LT Jennifer Kollmar, Physical Therapist; Back row (L to R): CDR Walter LaBrie, Psychologist; LTJG Kevin McManus, Industrial Hygiene Officer; and LT Dave Cavallario, Healthcare Administrator.



USNS Mercy (T-AH-19) - Pharmacists participate in the Asia Pacific Military Health Exchange 2016. Pictured (L-R): LT Sebastian Garcia, Pharmacist; CDR Bruce Thompson, Pharmacist; LCDR Asuka Hara, Pharmacist, Asia Pacific Military Health Exchange 2016 Participant, Japan Maritime Self Defense Force; LCDR Linh H. Quach, Pharmacist; LCDR Dean Kang, Pharmacist; Ms. Majorie Shields, Volunteer Pharmacist, Pacific Partnership 2016; and LT Nan Si Pak, Pharmacist, Asia Pacific Military Health Exchange 2016 Participant, Royal Thai Navy.

MSCs Around the Globe



Kuantan, Malaysia - Military health officials participate in the 2016 Asia Pacific Military Health Exchange, "Global Health Cooperation" on August 1-5, 2016. The exchange was co-hosted by U.S. Pacific Command and the Malaysian Armed Forces Health Services, which brought nearly 500 senior military health officials from 27 countries to share experiences and strengthen partnerships. Pictured (L-R): LCDR Linh Hoai Quach, USNH Yokosuka Pharmacist; Maj Hassan Masrom, Administrative Officer, Tuanku Mizan Armed Forces Hospital, Malaysia; BG Mohd Amin Muslan, Commanding Officer, Tuanku Mizan Armed Forces Hospital, Malaysia; MSgt Amber L. Humelsheim, Chief of Medical Administration Branch, USAF; Major Khadidja L. Harrell, MD, Deputy Chief, Strategic Health Engagement Operations, USAF; VADM Raquel Bono, Director, Defense Health Agency; VADM Forest Faison, Surgeon General; RDML Brian Pecha, USPACOM Surgeon; BG Rosman Abd Rahman, Tuanku Mizan Armed Forces Hospital, Malaysia; COL Mohd Rawi Norddin, Medical Colonel, Malaysian Army Field Command West.



Kuantan, Malaysia - LTJG Naomi Harless, Dietitian, and CS2 Lauren Estelle provide education on how to make a balanced plate during a blood drive/health fair event at Mega Mall in Kuantan, Malaysia in support of Pacific Partnership 2016. Photo credit: ENS Randall Barlow and CS2 Lauren Estelle.

MSCs Around the Globe



Okinawa, Japan - Master Chief Quentin Newsom, CMC; CAPT Timothy Weber, CO of USNH Okinawa; VADM Raquel C. Bono, Director of the Defense Health Agency; Sergeant Major Luciano, DHA Command Sergeant Major; and, CAPT Richard Knitting, XO of USNH Okinawa, pose for a photo during a tour of USNH O. The Defense Health Agency (DHA) is a joint, integrated Combat Support Agency that enables the Army, Navy, and Air Force medical services to provide a medically ready force and ready medical force to Combatant Commands in both peacetime and war-time. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 3rd Class Kelly M. Agee/Released)



Okinawa, Japan - Rear Adm. Victor W. Hall (right), deputy commander for Navy Medicine West and deputy corps chief for the Medical Service Corps, listens to Capt. Timothy Weber, CO of USNH Okinawa, as they tour the hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 3rd Class Kelly Agee/Released)

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MSC Celebrates 69th Anniversary with Symposium at NMCP

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Terah L. Bryant,
Naval Medical Center Portsmouth Public Affairs

PORTSMOUTH, Va. (NNS) -- Celebrating their 69th anniversary, the Medical Service Corps (MSC) Association of Hampton Roads hosted their annual symposium Aug. 8 at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP).

The event focused on the state of the MSC, high reliability within the corps, and the expectations of MSC officers.

Capt. Christopher Culp, NMCP commanding officer, welcomed MSC officers to the medical center and wished them a happy anniversary.

"We are the most diverse corps within Navy Medicine," stated Director, Medical Service Corps Rear Adm. Anne Swap, in regards to the 31 specialties within MSC.

There are three main categories the specialties fall into -- Healthcare administration, Healthcare scientists and Healthcare clinicians. While discussing the state of the MSC, Swap noted Healthcare administration now makes up 36 percent of the corps, Healthcare scientists include 24 percent, and Healthcare clinicians now hold the largest spot with 40 percent.

Swap went on to discuss the number of billets the corps currently has along with the manning rate, loss rate, and the number of people within the corps.

Capt. Matthew Case, NMCP executive officer, spoke about high reliability organizations (HRO), and how MSC officers contribute to them. A HRO is defined as an organization which has succeeded in avoiding catastrophes in an environment where normal accidents can be expected due to risk factors and complexity.

"HRO is characterized by five key principles that facilitate both problem detection and problem management," Case said. "Characteristics include preoccupation with failure, reluctance to simplify interpretations, sensitivity to operations, commitment to resilience, and deference to expertise."

Case led a discussion asking the various specialties within the community how they each play a role in maintaining a HRO.

Master Chief Hospital Corpsman Aaron VanDall, Director of Strategic Operations, spoke to guests about "Excellence and Integrity: Sailors' Expectations of MSC Officers."

VanDall reminded officers of the importance of being visible on the deckplate, to be approachable to Sailors of all ranks, to provide mentorship, and understand and apply servant leadership.

Following keynote speakers, officers were able to participate in multiple break-out sessions specific to their area of expertise. The symposium concluded with a group photo on the front steps of historical Building 1 -- the oldest, continuously-operating hospital since 1830.



MSC Celebrations Around the Globe



Lemoore, CA - MSCs in Naval Hospital Lemoore celebrate the MSC birthday. Pictured Front Row (L-R) - LT Rodney Noah, Comptroller; LTJG Afam Isagba, Healthcare Administrator; LCDR Stacy Washington, Healthcare Administrator; LT Elizabeth Cunningham, Social Worker; LCDR Joshua Blackburn, Pharmacist; LT Hannah O'Neill, Physical Therapist; LT Adam Kishman, Physician Assistant; LCDR Ivette Schmiede, Physical Therapist. Back row (L-R) - LCDR Larry Schmiede, Optometrist; LCDR Vince Deguzman, Pharmacist; LT Amanda Randles, Laboratory Officer; and LT Geoffrey Burgerhoff, Environmental Health Of-



Beaufort, SC - MSC Officers in Naval Hospital Beaufort celebrate the MSC birthday. Pictured L-R - LT Matthew J. Miles, Healthcare Administrator; LT Anthony B. Coleman, Healthcare Administrator; LCDR Emily M. Dover, Healthcare Administrator; LT Lucas L. Ricker, Healthcare Administrator; LCDR Angela M. W. Dean, Industrial Hygienist; CDR Richard A. Graham, Medical Technologist; LT Janice P. Whittaker, Environmental Health; LT Tod E. Kilgore, Healthcare Administrator; and LT Jordan M. Paul, Optometrist.

MSC Celebrations Around the Globe



Oak Harbor, WA - MSCs celebrate the birthday. Pictured (L-R) LTJG James Salassi, Aerospace Physiologist; LT Rey Mene, Healthcare Administrator; LTJG Tristan Alston, Aerospace Physiologist; LCDR Jared Taylor, Healthcare Administrator; LT Michael Bowers, Healthcare Administrator; LTJG Akapossa Ananou, Laboratory Officer; LT Kristen Gross, Physical Therapist; LT Matthew Martin, Healthcare Administrator; LT Heather Neumeyer, Healthcare Administrator; and LCDR Michael Kerekgyarto, Optometrist.



San Antonio, Texas - CAPT Kelln, Commanding Officer and CAPT Baylecox, Executive Officer of Navy Medicine Training Support Center lead birthday celebrations. First row, left to right: LT Audrey Wakefield, Healthcare Administrator; LCDR Wendy George, Healthcare Administrator; LTJG Mark Sruton, Healthcare Administrator; LT Bridgett Ruiz, Laboratory Officer; CAPT Cora Baylecox, Healthcare Administrator. Second row, left to right: LT Shaun Hutsen, Healthcare Administrator; CAPT Todd Sander, Physical Therapy; CAPT Brent Kelln, Physical Therapy; LT Leah Moss, Physician Assistant; LCDR Emily Owens, Environmental Health Officer; LT Diana Nieves, Logistician/Comptroller; CAPT Derrik Clay, Healthcare Administrator; and CAPT Richard Hagerty, Healthcare Administrator.

MSC Celebrations Around the Globe



Newport, RI - NHCNE MSCs celebrate the MSC Birthday with a cake cutting. Pictured L-R): LCDR Hyrum Brossard, Healthcare Administrator; LCDR Jonathan Shea, Pharmacist; LCDR Megan Rieman, Optometrist; LT Eric Porter-HCA; LCDR Tiffany Cline, Pharmacist; ENS Julio Menendez, Healthcare Administrator; LT Brandon McLamb, Healthcare Administrator; LT Emran Huda, Healthcare Administrator; CAPT Phillip Sanchez, Commanding Officer/Healthcare Administrator; LTJG Vivek Barevadia, Healthcare Administrator; LTJG Alejandro Gonzalez, Healthcare Administrator; LT Darren Freeman, Laboratory Officer; LT Lee Bluitt, Environmental Health Officer; and LT Jonathan Brown, Podiatrist.



Groton, CT - MSCs celebrate the MSC birthday. Pictured L-R: LT Chris Jackson, Healthcare Administrator; LCDR Jared McKendall, Healthcare Administrator; LT Dorian Asher, Clinical Psychologist; CAPT Chad Roe, Healthcare Administrator; and CDR Andrew Martin, Clinical Psychologist.

MSC Celebrations Around the Globe



Beaufort, SC - LT Matthew J. Miles, Healthcare Administrator, and CDR Richard A. Graham, Medical Technologist, cut the cake in celebration of the MSC birthday in Naval Hospital Beaufort.



Newport, RI - CAPT Phillip Sanchez, Commanding Officer of NHCNE, and ENS Julio Menendez-Junior, Healthcare Administrator, cut the MSC Birthday cake.



Cherry Point, NC - Naval Health Clinic Cherry Point's youngest Medical Service Corps, LTJG Kerry Zuwallack, Social Worker, and NHCCP's wisest MSC, CDR Edward Owens, Physician Assistant, share the honors of cutting the birthday cake in honor of the MSC birthday during a ceremony at NHCCP onboard Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point. (U.S. Navy photo/Eric Sesit)



Parris Island, SC - CDR Kelly A. Williams, Audiologist, and LTJG Charlene A. Pizzimenti, Physician Assistant, cut the MSC birthday cake in MCRD Paris Island Branch Health clinic.

MSC Celebrations Around the Globe



Okinawa, Japan - Sailors pose for a photo during a ceremony celebrating the 69th Medical Service Corps Birthday. Pictured: Front Row (L-R) - LT Arthur DeCastro, Healthcare Administrator; LCDR James Speitel, Radiation Health Officer. Second Row (L-R) - LT Janine Espinal, Healthcare Administrator; CAPT Shane Vath, Physical Therapist, CDR Dennis Tolentino, Healthcare Administrator; LT Jayme Larick, Social Worker; LT Stephen Jaggi, Optometrist; LCDR Stacie Milavec, Medical Technologist; LT Marissa Green, Physical Therapist; LT Elisa Menck, Physical Therapist; LCDR Crystal Dailey, Environmental Health Officer; LT Maya Bell, Occupational Therapist; LT William Gordon, Environmental Health Officer; ENS Freddie Mawanay, Healthcare Administrator; CDR Rodel Divina, Optometrist. Third Row (L-R) - CAPT Timothy Weber, Commanding Officer, USNH Okinawa; LT Raymond Posey, Healthcare Administrator; LCDR Dean Goad, Healthcare Administrator; CDR John Griesenbeck, Executive Officer, 3rd MedBn; LCDR Amit Sood, Dietician; LT Denise Beyer, Occupational Therapist; LTJG Carla Santiago, Comptroller; LT Brian May, Healthcare Administrator; LT Jaimer Cadang, Physician Assistant. Fourth Row (L-R) - LT Marty Baumbach, Health Care Administrator; LT Daniel Lund, Healthcare Administrator; LT Michael Waring, Industrial Hygiene Officer; LT Matt Christensen, Healthcare Administrator; LT Matthew Weinheimer, Optometrist; LCDR Eric Bischoff, Dental Corps.



Okinawa, Japan - Captain Timothy Weber (right), Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan, hands Ensign Freddie Mawanay, Health Care Administrator, for 3d Medical Battalion a piece of cake during a ceremony celebrating the Medical Service Corps Birthday. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 3rd Class Kelly Agee, U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan Public Affairs)



Oahu, HI - CAPT Paul Toland, Healthcare Administrator/COO Hawaii eMSM and LTJG Kevin Hughes, Physician Assistant, cut the MSC birthday cake.

MSC Celebrations Around the Globe



Quantico, VA - MSC Officers from NHCQ celebrate the MSC birthday. Pictured L-R: LT Krista Greene, Optometrist; LT Jennifer Bautista-Gogel, Physician Assistant; LCDR Maria Coon, Healthcare Administrator and DFA; LT Evan Romrell, Pharmacist; LT Joseph Sank, Healthcare Administrator; and LT Nadege Whitfield, Healthcare Administrator.



Twentynine Palms, CA— CAPT John Lamberton, Healthcare Administrator and Commanding Officer, Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital, cuts the MSC birthday cake with LT Michelle Mendoza, Optometrist.



Bremerton, WA – CAPT Kimberly Zuzelski, Executive Officer, Naval Hospital Bremerton, and LTJG Daniel Williams, Dietitian, cut the birthday cake in celebration of the MSC birthday.

MSC Celebrations Around the Globe



Yokosuka, Japan – USNH Yokosuka MSCs and friends dress in business casual and Japanese Jimbei/yukatas to celebrate the MSC birthday with a dinner cruise at Yokohama Bay, Japan. Pictured (Front row L to R): LCDR Joseph Stastny, Industrial Hygienist; LTJG Jordan Koyle, Industrial Hygienist; LCDR Robert Nevins, Healthcare Administrator; LT Danielle Rakich, Pharmacist; LT Brandon Hester, Industrial Hygienist; CDR David Burke, Psychologist; LCDR Michael Owen, Healthcare Administrator; LTC Maria Marte, Marine Liaison Officer; LT Dane Masuda, Physician Assistant; LT Rhondie Tait, Psychologist; Mr. Isaac Tait; CDR(ret) Edward Robinson, Healthcare Administrator; LTJG Sean Righter, Line Officer; CDR Cameron Nelson, Medical Corps; LCDR Matthew Reza, Nurse Corps; LCDR Erin Ockerreza, Nurse Corps. Second Row (L-R): Ms. Yumiko Robinson; CDR Maria Barefield, Occupational Therapist; LT David Belber, Industrial Hygienist; LT Rannie Simpson, Healthcare Administrator; Ms. Katie Moffitt, Industrial Hygienist; Ms. Brie Meyer; Mr. Kevin Do, Industrial Hygienist; LCDR Marcy Morlock, Healthcare Administrator; LT Mary Morin, Healthcare Administrator; ENS Sheryl Righter, Nurse Corps. Third Row (L-R): LT Yomaira Gonzalez, Social Worker; LT Chrisrock Tenorio, Healthcare Administrator; LT Noah Apusen, Healthcare Administrator; LT Sergio Coronel, Healthcare Administrator; and LT Chad Scott, Healthcare Administrator.



Oahu, HI - MSCs from across Hawaii celebrate the MSC birthday. Pictured Front Row (L-R) LCDR Charles Wilhite, Industrial Hygiene Officer; LCDR Adam Zeiler, Comptroller; CAPT Mark Swearngin, Industrial Hygiene Officer/OIC NEPMU-6; LT Martha Claeys-Jacobson, Environmental Health Officer; CAPT Paul Toland, Healthcare Administrator/COO Hawaii eMSM; LTJG Kevin Hughes, Physician Assistant; LCDR Josh Miller, Healthcare Administrator; LT Dawn Weir, Microbiologist; LT Rebecca Miranda, Social Worker; CDR Sharlene Gee, Optometrist; LT Tawanda Cade, Physician Assistant; LT Christopher Pellejera, Optometrist. Back Row (L-R) LCDR Scott Williams, Optometrist; LT Michael Manning, Healthcare Administrator; CDR Eric Barnes, Optometrist; LT Daniel Schatz, Healthcare Administrator; LT John Hallahan, Radiation Health Officer; LT Michael Kenner, Radiation Health Officer; LT Amanda Dillinger, Environmental Health Officer; LT Billy Eickmeyer, Environmental Health Officer; LT Derek Hoffman, Healthcare Administrator; and LT Adrian Jackson, Healthcare Administrator.

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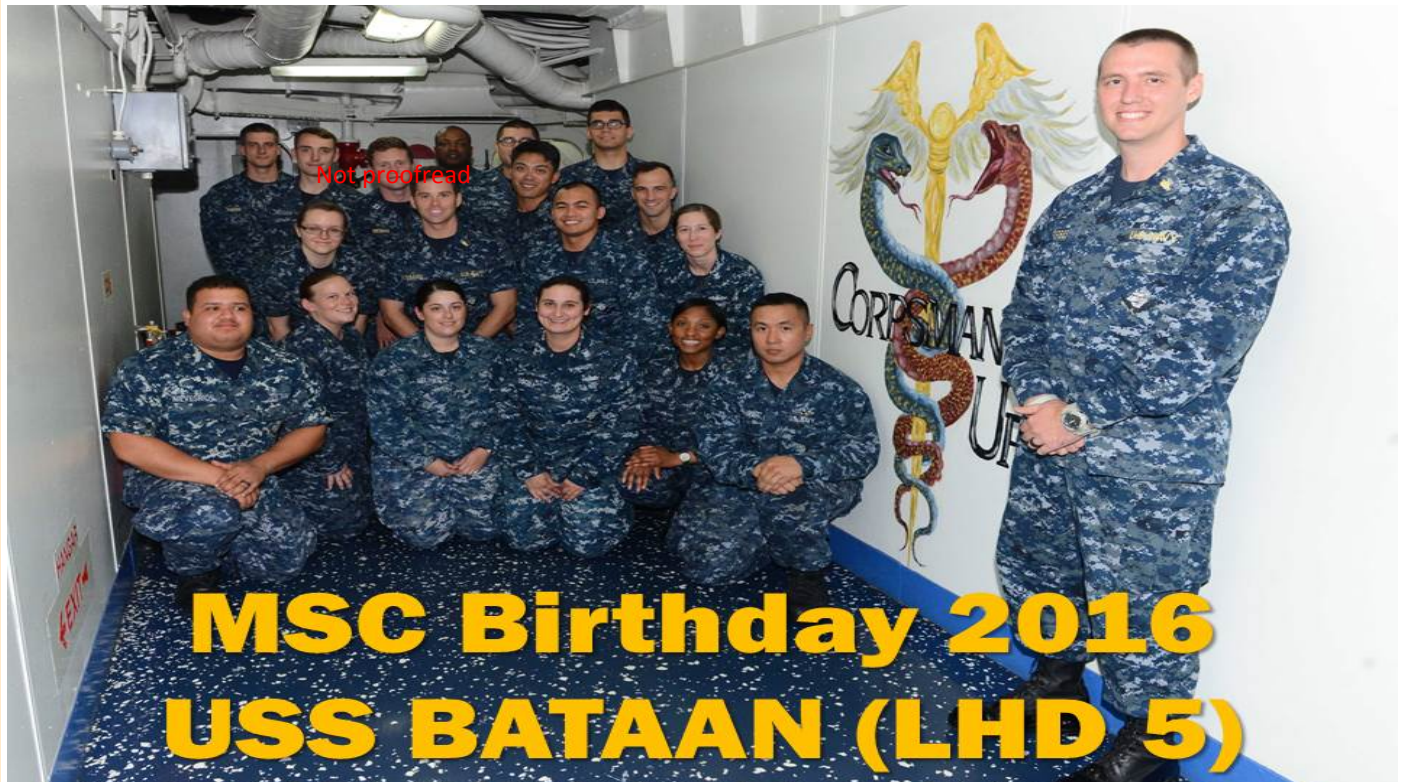


Djibouti, Africa – Officers celebrate the MSC's 69th birthday in Camp Lemonier. Pictured: Front Row (L-R) - CDR Wendy Pinkham, Physical Therapist; CDR Eric Bacho, Clinical Psychologist. Back Row (L-R) - LT Mariam Kwamin, Environmental Health Officer; LT Debbie Ball, Healthcare Administrator; CDR Douglas Faison, Physician Assistant and EMF OIC; LT Keith Nemeroff, HOA Medical Planner/POMI; LCDR Matthew Mercer, Environmental Health Officer; LT Kelly Mitzen, Physician Assistant.



Parris Island, SC - MCRD PI BHC MSCs celebrate the MSC birthday. Pictured L-R - LT Brad A. Engelbarts, Optometrist; LCDR Charles S. Hitchcock, Physician Assistant; LTJG Charlene A. Pizzimenti, Physician Assistant; LT Kurt W. Meyer, Physical Therapist; LCDR Angela M. W. Dean, Industrial Hygienist; LT James R. Nott, Physical Therapist; LTJG Jennifer Tsai, Physician Assistant; CDR Kelly A. Williams, Audiologist; LT Claire-Marie Gould, Healthcare Administrator; LT Brandon J. Finton, Clinical Psychologist; LCDR Paul I. Harris, Physical Therapist.

MSC Celebrations Around the Globe



USS Bataan (LHD 5) - Medical and Dental staff of USS Bataan (LHD 5) celebrate the MSC birthday. Pictured on right is LT Matthew D. Forbes, Healthcare Administrator and the Medical Admin Officer (MAO).



Naples, Italy - Officers from USNH Naples celebrate the MSC's 69th Birthday with a cake-cutting ceremony. Pictured (L - R): LCDR Juan Rosario, Healthcare Administrator; LT Edward Agbevey, Healthcare Administrator; LCDR Thomas Warner, Healthcare Administrator; LT Erika Nance, Clinical Pathologist; LT Aaron Hill, Healthcare Administrator; LT Jennifer Craig, Physical Therapist; LCDR (sel) Jennifer McLaughlin, Clinical Psychologist; LT Krystal Rapp, Audiologist; LT Christine Simcox, Healthcare Administrator; CAPT Timothy Richardson, Healthcare Administrator/Executive Officer; CDR Romeo Tizon, Director for Administration; LCDR Rosa Grgurich, Social Worker; LT Safiat Newman, Pharmacist; LT Elise Chapdelaine, Civil Engineer; LT Adrain Felder, Healthcare Administrator; CDR(sel) Darla Dietrich, Healthcare Administrator; LT Jeremiah Church, Optometrist; LT Claudia Cespedes, Clinical Psychologist; LCDR Dominic Romanowski, Physician Assistant; LT Michael Chang, Healthcare Administrator; LT Michelle Yarbrough, Healthcare Administrator; and LCDR Stephanie Clapper, Dietitian.

MSC Celebrations Around the Globe



Kandahar, Afghanistan – MSCs from NATO Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit commemorate the MSC birthday. Back row (L-R): LT Jose PonceVega, Healthcare Administrator; LT K. Neill Miller, Medical Information Technologist; LTJG Ato Anderson, Logistician; 2LT Robert Yeats, Medical Services; BG Lee Henry, Train Advise, Assist Command-South Commander; CAPT Robert Fry, Healthcare Administrator/Role 3 Commanding Officer; LT Ephraim Escobar, Medical Technologist; LCDR Russell Wiegand, Pharmacist; Front row (L-R):LCDR Brittany Jansen, Physical Therapist; MAJ Tricia Birdsell, Medical Services/JAG; CPT Lisa Quiroz, Medical Services; CPT Jane Callahan, Medical Services; and LT Julie Urban, Healthcare Administrator.



Kandahar, Afghanistan - Even in Afghanistan, MSCs need to cut a cake for the birthday. Pictured L-R: BG Lee Henry, Train Advise, Assist Command-South Commander; 2LT Robert Yeats, Medical Services; LTJG Ato Anderson, Healthcare Administrator; and CAPT Robert Fry, Role 3 Commanding Officer.

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